

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Thursday
Fair

METAL QUOTATIONS	
SILVER	89 3/4
SILVER, FOREIGN	64 3/4
COPPER	13 3/4
LEAD	4.70

DAUGHTER OF ROCKEFELLER GRANTED A DIVORCE

Inquest of "Big Ship" Fire Horror Points to Incendiarism

WITNESSES DECLARE FIRE IN STOVE HAD BEEN EXTINGUISHED

The inquest to determine if possible the cause of the destruction of the Harrington House on last Friday night, was given to the jury this afternoon, but at the time of going to press no verdict had been returned.

Plenty evidence introduced today at the inquest held before Judge Cuddy to determine the cause of the fire that destroyed the Harrington House, better known as the "Big Ship," which resulted in the death of three miners on last Friday night, it appears most convincing that the building was destroyed by firebugs.

The fact was brought out most forcibly that the blaze did not result from an overheated stove in the sitting room off the dining room, a half-dozen witnesses testifying that the stove had died out, and as a matter of fact the stove was cold.

That the destruction of the building and the death of the three men was the dauntless work of incendiaries is no longer doubted, but the fastening of the crime upon the guilty parties will most likely prove a difficult task, although the authorities are bending every energy to bring the guilty parties to justice.

The courtroom of Justice Cuddy was thronged with people who were anxious to get a line on the work of the supposed arsonists. The inquest is being conducted by District Attorney Frank Dunn, while Judge William Forman appears as a special representative of the Tonopah Belmont Development company.

Among those present who are insisting that a thorough investigation be made of the destruction to life and property were Frederick Bradshaw and L. R. Robbins, general manager and superintendent, respectively, of the Tonopah Belmont company.

A Tidwell, a miner on the graveyard shift at the Belmont mine, who left the boarding house at 10:30 Friday night, or just 10 minutes before the discovery of the fire, testified he saw two men standing near the building on Belmont avenue. He stated that when he emerged from the entrance the men turned their backs to him and proceeded to carry on a conversation, only a portion of which he overheard. One remark in particular that attracted his attention was, "You bet." Shortly thereafter Tidwell stated he was informed at the Belmont shaft that the "Big Ship" was on fire.

O. F. Wade, who rooms at the Comstock house, and who hurried to the Harrington House following the alarm of fire, testified regarding meeting a stranger who asked him where he was stopping. When told the Comstock, Wade says the fellow, who was attired in a dark suit and a white hat, said: "You had better leave there; if the building does not go up tonight it will in a couple of days." Wade says it would be impossible to recognize the speaker, even though he met him face to face, as some wounded man who had escaped from the burning structure came along about that time and he took the unfortunate fellow to his room where he gave him some clothing.

John Pelchy, dishwasher, who slept off the dining room, was the discoverer of the fire. Pelchy had turned out the large light in the sitting room, had taken particular notice that there was no fire in the stove, but forgot to close the two doors as was his usual custom. His room was directly across the hall, and he left his door ajar, and upon turning in bed he noticed a light in the sitting room. Thinking someone

MAKE GETAWAY WITH BIG HAUL OF WET GOODS

(By Associated Press)
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28.—Twenty-five bandits swooped down on the Blue Ribbon distillery at Eminence, Kentucky, locked five guards in the office of the plant, and stole 725 cases of bottled in bond whiskey, valued at \$30,000, according to a report to the Louisville police. The police said all the robbers were masked and armed. Automobile trucks were used to haul the liquor away.

DARK SKIES PORTEND MORE COAST RAIN

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—With 12 hours' relief from the heavy rains which have fallen since Thursday for the last 10 days, the morning conditions caused no swollen streams and rising rivers throughout southern California were reported as much improved this morning. Although practically no rain fell at any point in the southland during the night, heavy clouds this morning seemed to indicate the storm, which has precipitated one of the heaviest rains in the history of the local weather bureau, had not yet spent itself.

OPEN SHOP TO BE EFFECTIVE ON NEW YEAR

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—A 10 per cent wage cut and open shop plan is to be put into effect in a number of foundries in the San Francisco bay district on January 1, and approximately 2,000 men will be affected, the California Foundry Men's association announced today. The open shop plan, which is also known as the "American plan," has been in effect in some foundries here for some time. The union scale of \$7.12 daily will be cut to a basic wage of \$6.40.

In the vicinity of the building, Lee Pond, who roomed with Michael McGee, testified that following the alarm he saw a man running over the hill toward the Comstock, and that he was attired in a dark suit and dark overcoat. He watched this man from the porch. He further stated that the fire in the sitting room stove had died down as early as 9 o'clock.

Testimony was also given by Guy Roberts, who said the upper story was first noticed by him as being on fire, while William Davidovich also testified, although he could throw no light touching upon the origin of the fire.

L. Craine, lessee of the building, gave the most damaging evidence that the fire was of incendiary origin. He stated that the oil pipes for the stove in the sitting room had been taken out six weeks ago, and that the blaze which had its origin on the sofa was caused from oil that had been poured upon the same. Other witnesses who were examined, but whose testimony was immaterial so far as shedding light on the cause of the conflagration, were George Lalum, P. Hazelhurst, George E. Watson, James Stark, L. O. Holderman, William Martin, Sam Ginsberg and Richard Gard.

FRANCE WANTS MORE SUBS IN RATIO SCHEME

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Hope for an agreement to limit submarine tonnage was declared to have been abandoned at the meeting of the arms conference naval committee. The demand by France for a minimum submarine tonnage of 90,000 was declared by delegates to have closed the door to any agreement. The American compromise proposal having been rejected finally and completely by the French.

Castling aside the possibility of harmonizing the views on submarine tonnage, the American delegation brought forth a new proposal to limit the size of submarines and other auxiliary craft to a maximum of 10,000 tons. Presentation of the French viewpoint, based on calculations of her naval experts and reinforced by approval of the French cabinet meeting yesterday, was followed by lengthy discussions, the committee adjourning its session after two hours of debate, to meet again at 3 o'clock.

WHOLE TOWN TO TURN OUT FOR RETURN

(By Associated Press)
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 28.—A home town welcome awaited the return here tonight of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, who was released from prison by President Harding. Friends and neighbors, regardless of their views on Debs' theories, as well as his followers, were expected to meet the train and escort him to his home. Mrs. Debs said she would not go to the station, preferring her reunion with her husband to be alone in the privacy of their home.

THIS COOK'S SERVICE WAS APPRECIATED

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 28.—Her ability to cook has earned Mrs. Anna Sonder \$60,000 and an automobile. This sum and the motor car were left by the will of Samuel W. Dilling, for whom she was housekeeper.

OBJECTIONS MADE TO DEBS' RELEASE

(By Associated Press)
DENTON, Texas, Dec. 28.—Resolutions condemning the release from the Atlanta federal prison of Debs were adopted last night at a special meeting of the Arthur O. McNulty post of the American Legion.

A copy of the resolution which was telegraphed to President Harding, said: "To let your official action go unchallenged by us would be to break faith with our fallen comrades."

COMPROMISE EFFECTED BY DAIL LEADERS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 28.—It has been learned from a reliable source, says a Central News dispatch from Dublin, that at a secret meeting of Dail Eireann, leaders representing the supporters and opponents of the Anglo-Irish treaty, a compromise was reached which will insure ratification of the pact. Lloyd George in a statement said the government had gone to the utmost limit in the treaty and it was impossible to reopen the discussion.

Delay in ratification in Ireland, Lloyd George's statement said, was holding up the working of the cabinet committee appointed to arrange for evacuation of the British forces in Ireland, settle terms of amnesty and transfer executive responsibility to the Irish provisional government.

PROPERTY AT GOLDFIELD IS LOOKING WELL

The Great Bend may soon become a steady shipper as the result of recent work northwest of the shaft on the 236-foot level. Developments northwest of the shaft in the last few weeks have been the most important in the mine since the days of shipments from the big orebody southeast of the shaft and there are reasons to believe the company is entering an era of prosperity, says the Goldfield Tribune.

Receiving unsatisfactory results from work southeast of the shaft, a short time ago the Great Bend made a radical change in its plans and crossed out northwest on the 236-foot level. One of several veins was cut and low assays were obtained. A 25-foot raise was then driven and a drift was driven 25 feet from the raise. This drift entered a 2-foot width of ore assaying 15 to 20. The shoot proved to be less than 10 feet long at this point. A raise is now being driven from the drift and enough ore for a shipment is in sight.

All the old timers who have been familiar with the Great Bend for years have confidence in the work being done on this side of the shaft. The surface assays over the big shoot to the southeast are not as high as those obtained on the surface to the northwest. All of the work now being done is in unexplored territory and there can be no doubt that the chances for opening a big orebody are excellent. Years ago ore was found on the 400-foot level northwest of the shaft, but working conditions in the vein at this depth are impossible, even more so than were found on the 365 southeast of the shaft.

The Great Bend has a good shipment of \$20 to \$25 ore in the bins and a sample has been sent to the Belmont mill at Tonopah. As soon as returns from these samples have been received it is expected that the shipment will be made and the bins cleared for the ore now being mined. The ore in the Bend contains no copper and as it is practically the same as that being treated in the Tonopah mills, it is expected the Belmont mill will accept it.

Thomas, Maroon and Fuller, lessees working in the footwall of the vein on the 236-foot level, in the old stoped area, have opened a seam of gumbro and quartz from which they have obtained an assay of \$180. Taking into consideration all conditions, the Great Bend looks better today than it has for many years.

HUSBAND WAS HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY

NOVEL METHOD EMPLOYED BY LOOTED STORE

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—Herbert Cox, of Los Angeles, and Herbert Wilson, formerly of Brownsville, Oregon, both of whom were arrested here yesterday by federal and county authorities, were made defendants in a series of attachments brought late yesterday by Hale Brothers, Inc., of San Francisco, the plaintiff company claiming the defendants are indebted to them in the sum of \$29,000 which the store lost by robbery on December 7, 1920. Cox and Wilson are held here while the authorities continued to investigate their probable connection with the series of postal and safe blowing robberies in which a total of over \$250,000 is scheduled as lost by the government and private concerns.

Attachments were served in four banks where the defendants had checking accounts; four automobiles were attached in downtown garages; three pieces of real estate also were attached, two of these being owned and as homes by the families of the defendants. The attachments were served by the sheriff of Los Angeles county at the telegraphic request of the sheriff of the city and county of San Francisco. The amounts attached in the various banks were not given out.

CROPS DROP OFF IN VALUE FOUR BILLION

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The country's important farm crops were valued this year at \$4,577,877,000, based on prices paid by farmers on December 1, the department of agriculture announced in its final estimates. The same crops, which comprise about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops, were valued last year at \$4,972,383,000.

DRINK EVIDENCE AND ARE POISONED

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Four United States prohibition enforcement agents have been poisoned in three weeks by drinking illicit brandy in the course of their duty. It was announced today by the district prohibited enforcement officers. All are recovering.

COURT ASKED TO CLOSE OUT KU KLUX KLAN

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—Recall of all property, funds, documents and records of the Ku Klux Klan is sought in a petition filed in superior court today by 170 persons describing themselves as "bona fide members" of the Klan. The petitioners were headed by the deceased Grand Gobins Terrell, Hooper, Atkin and Padon. A temporary injunction was granted.

**BUTLER
THEATRE**

CHARLES RAY
—IN—
"SCRAP IRON"

Not as a rule, not as a rule, but Charles Ray as a boy who settles trouble in the roped ring. They called him scrap iron when his name was Steel and he ran true to both when he fought Battling Burke.

SCREEN SNAPSHOTS

—TOMORROW—
CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN
"THE IDLE CLASS"
In which the famous comedian appears in a double role

—AND—
ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN in
"Handcuffs and Kisses"